

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A filtering apparatus fits adjacent to the nostrils and nose of the user and includes a rigid base for retaining a filtering material thereon through which the user may breathe. The filter material takes the form of an open-cell foam, in the form of a pad, which is removably held between retainer members carried on the rigid base. The foam pad includes a peripheral sidewall and defines an open cavity in the thickness thereof. A clamping device included in the base has an upper and lower plate that are joined together by fasteners. A supporting arrangement for facial wearing comprises a pair of elongated ear support members arranged in spaced-apart relationship and joined together to define a pivot or hinge mechanism that is captured beneath the opposing surfaces of the base plates.